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1. /TSHOMBE PERSONALLY IS READY TO ACCEPT RECONCILIATION BUT HAS ALLOWED HIS EUROPEAN ADVISORS TO PERSUADE HIM TO INSIST ON KATANGAN EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS OF A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION. PROFESSOR RENE CLEMENS IS PRESSING ON TSHOMBE HIS VIEW THAT AGREEMENT OF A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION MUST PRECEED ANY AGREEMENT BY THE MIXED COMMISSIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECONCILIATION PLAN. KATANGANS BELIEVE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WHICH RESEMBLES THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW AND DOES NOT FOLLOW THE UN PLAN, HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED IN LEOPOLDVILLE.

2. TSHOMBE AND HIS MINISTERS WERE STRONGLY IMPRESSED BY WHAT

THEY REGARD AS THE CONGO NATIONAL ARMY COUP DE FORCE IN SOUTH

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SPEND THEIR NIGHTS IN ELISABETHVILLE. TSHOMBE HAS HAD A SPECIAL ROAD TO KIPUSHI AND INTO THE BUSH PREPARED IN CASE THE UN SHOULD TRY TO ARREST HIM AND HE MUST SUDDENLY LEAVE ELISABETHVILLE.

- 3. KATANGAN LEADERS PROFESS TO ACTUALLY BELIEVE UNOC CHIEF ROBERT GARDINER LEFT ELISABETHVILLE 4 OCTOBER MORE OR LESS CONVINCED TSHOMBE WANTS RECONCILIATION. THEY BELIEVE GARDINER CENTRAL CONGO GOVERNMENT PRIME MINISTER WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE/ADOULA TO BE MORE MODERATE IN HIS DEMANDS ON KATANGA.
- H. BOTH TSHOMBE AND HIS ADVISORS ARE PLEASED AND FLATTERED

 BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE MCGHEE'S VISIT TO ELISABETHVILLE

 AND ARE DETERMINED TO GIV! HIM A GOOD RECEPTION. IT IS REPORTED

 GOVERNMENT OF KATANGA (GOK)

 WITHIN THE / THAT MCGHEE HAS ALREADY ASKED TSHOMBE NOT DELAY

 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN PLAN; IF HE DOES DELAY, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

 WILL SUPPORT ECONOMIC PRESSURES AGAINST KATANGA.

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